WHEREAS, South Dakota, as a State deriving by far the greatest portion of its income from the produce of agriculture, cannot but be tremendously concerned with the safety of its farmers; and,

WHEREAS, we are proud that the farmers of South Dakota through their technology and labors have contributed to the abundance of this great nation, but the very nature of this technology has created hazards to farm operators through injury producing accidents; and,

WHEREAS, during a recent period South Dakotans suffered 525 reportable accidents; and,

WHEREAS, this toll of human suffering can and will be reduced if greater attention is given to practicing safety:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby designate the week beginning July 25, 1972, as

FARM SAFETY WEEK

in South Dakota, and I urge all who relate to the rural areas of South Dakota to do all in their nower to help reduce the number and severity of accidents. May we be leaders in safe living as we have been in providing food for our fellowmen.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota in Pierre, the Capital City, this 17th day of July in the Year of Cur Lord Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-two.

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

OR PERMANENT MICHORH